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SUBJECT: ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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1. ON APRIL 21, VENHAUS, FRG REP TO, AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN
OF, ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, CALLED RUTH PHILLIPS (EB/
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TD), U.S. REP ON COUNCIL, TO REPORT RESULTS OF HIS CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING CHAIRMANSHIPS
AND VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES.

2. ON BASIS OF TELCALLS TO EL AOUD (MOROCCO) AND JIPGUEP
(CAMEROON), VENHAUS REPORTED KEEN INTEREST RESPECTIVELY
IN VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 2 (STAFF AND PENSIONS),

AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 3, RESPECTIVELY. ADDITIONALLY, AFRICANS APPARENTLY WANT FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL. ZAIRIAN REP IS SENIOR IN LENGTH OF SERVICE INASMUCH AS SENEGAL REP, DIONE, WILL NOT ATTEND.

3. VENHAUS REPORTED EUROPEANS NOT YET AGREED ON CHAIRMAN

OF COMMITTEE 2. SWEDISH REP, RABERG, MAY NOT ATTEND ENTIRE SESSION, AND UK EVIDENTLY NOT PREPARED TO ASSUME JOB. OTHER EUROPEAN POSSIBILITIES VENHAUS CONSIDERING INCLUDE BAUDAZZI, ITALY; DUPLAN, FRANCE; AND MOLINA-NEGRO, SPAIN.

4. RUSSIANS TOLD VENHAUS THEY WANT KATONA-KIS (HUNGARY) AS COUNCIL OFFICER, POSSIBLY VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 1 OR COMMITTEE 3.

5. PHILLIPS TOLD VENHAUS WE WERE NOT YET PREPARED TO SEE MEXICO, AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 1 (FINANCE) REPRESENT NORTH AMERICA. WE ALSO TOLD HIM OF BRITISH SECOND THOUGHTS REGARDING JIPGUEP AS PROPOSED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 3, TECHNICAL COOPERATION OF WHICH HE WAS UNAWARE. FINALLY, WE SAID WE COULD AGREE TO ANY OF THE EUROPEANS FOR COMMITTEE 2, AND WONDERED WHETHER EUROPEANS WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 2 WITH U.S. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THIS PROPOSITION.

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6. PHILLIPS AGREED TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH VENHAUS AFTER HIS FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN LONDON, PARIS AND GENEVA.

7. VENHAUS THEN REPORTED KENYA ANXIOUS TO HAVE COUNCIL ENDORSE CONVENING OF PLENIPOTENTIARY IN NAIROBI IN 1982 OR 1983. EARLIER DATE (1980) PROPOSED BY KENYA EVIDENTLY NOT CONSIDERED PRACTICABLE BY THEM. VENHAUS AGREED TO ADD MATTER TO COUNCIL AGENDA AND PROPOSES TO ASK A SMALL WORKING GROUP OF COUNCIL TO STUDY AND REPORT DURING COUNCIL SESSION ON ALL FUTURE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, INCLUDING A PLENIPOTENTIARY. HE THEN WILL ASK THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE 1979 COUNCIL SESSION. VENHAUS AWARE U.S. INTEREST TO DEFER PLENIPOTENTIARY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

8. PHILLIPS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT VENHAUS EXPLORE WHAT PROPOSALS MILI MAY SUBMIT TO COUNCIL SESSION ON UNGA APPROVED AFRICAN DECADE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS BEGINNING 1980. VENHAUS UNINFORMED ABOUT STATUS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND REQUIREMENTS, IF ANY, FOR FOLLOW-UP BY ITU. DEPT DOES NOT WISH TO STIMULATE ITU ACTION, BUT WISHES BE PREPARED TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY IF SUBJECT ARISES AT MAY

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING. VENHAUS UNDERSTOOD AND
SHARED OUR POSITION AND WILL MAKE NECESSARY INQUIRIES OF
MILI AND BUTLER. CHRISTOPHER

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